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**YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF GREATER COLUMBUS RECEIVES CHECK  
FROM RIVERTOWN SUBARU'S SHARE THE LOVE EVENT!**

May 1, 2017, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA—The Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus (YOGC) is pleased to announce Rivertown Subaru raised \$13,255.55 for the Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus during the “Share the Love 2016.” The YOGC is honored to have been chosen for a second year as a recipient of this event. A check presentation and celebration was held on April 21, 2017 at Rivertown Subaru. For more information on how you can be a part of the Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus visit [www.YOGC.org](http://www.YOGC.org) or call 706.256.3614.

"The Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus (YOGC) creates safe spaces for children to explore their creativity in a nurturing yet challenging environment. We do that through orchestral music. Whether it's a chamber ensemble of violinists just learning to read music or a symphony orchestra that plays music from the professional symphony's library, they come to YOGC hungry to play their instrument with other children who love music. We create these spaces for them, give them the resources they need to be successful, and sit back and watch in amazement. April 18th's spring concert was a phenomenal example. We had elementary school students performing all on their own from memory without a conductor. We had 65 students perform Schubert's Symphony No. 8. None of these things are possible without outside support. Rivertown Subaru is the best partner we could imagine. Their gift of \$13,255.55 is the equivalent of 53 full-ride scholarships for our regular season. It is roughly the cost of hiring the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and renting Bill Heard Theatre for the side by side concert we hosted this year. Rivertown Subaru's support has a huge impact on this community because they enable YOGC to touch the lives of hundreds of students in a deep, meaningful way through music." – Stephanie Payne, YOGC Executive Director



Pictured Left to Right: Paxton Nash, General Manager Rivertown Subaru and Stephanie Payne, YOGC Executive Director

Since 1993, the Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus has been teaching the area's most talented young musicians. Led by music director James Palmer, this outstanding orchestra program includes the Youth Orchestra made up of intermediate and advanced string, brass, wind and percussion musicians, the String Orchestra composed of young string players, chamber groups, ensembles including a percussion ensemble, two string quartets, a woodwind quintet, a brass quintet, and a violin ensemble, and a summer string camp. Rehearsals are held each Monday evening during the school season at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts. Visit [www.YOGC.org](http://www.YOGC.org) for audition requirements and an application for the 2015-16 regular orchestra season. For additional information e-mail [info@yogc.org](mailto:info@yogc.org).

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